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# Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/790,003

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Boyer D. Ashley

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## Period for Reply

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## Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/838,313.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3/2/04.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_.

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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Priority*

1. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d). The certified copy has been filed in parent Application No.

09/838,313, filed on 8/5/04. ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Fuchisawa, U.S. Patent 6,091,928.

Fuchisawa discloses the same invention as claimed including the steps of, e.g.: sliding tray (on column 6, lines 15-25, column 8, lines 65-1, it is stated that the roll unit is removable from the image forming device and that the paper rolls are replaceable such that new rolls are installed in the roll unit/tray and therefore includes the step of sliding the tray out of the image device to load a roll of paper into the roll unit) out of an image forming apparatus (1), said tray including a paper loading unit (the holding portion of the roll unit), a paper feed device (22/23), and paper cutting device (24); loading a new rolled transfer paper in said paper loading unit (as stated above the roll unit is removable and new rolls are installed into the roll unit); feeding the rolled transfer paper

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using said paper feeding device such that a leading edge of the rolled transfer paper is discharged from a discharging outlet of said tray (after the rolls are installed and it is desired to have paper dispensed from the roll unit to the image device the paper is feed such that a leading edge, the free end of the paper roll, is discharged from a discharged outlet as shown in Figure 2); and cutting the discharged tip portion of the rolled transfer paper using said paper cutting (as the predetermined amount of paper is feed from the roll the end of the predetermined amount of paper is cut and therefore the discharged tip, the portion of rolled paper feed to the image device, is cut, see column 6, lines 35-50).

As to claim 2, Fuchisawa discloses the steps of: detecting a position of the leading edge of the rolled transferred paper (see column 6, lines 57-67); calculating the discharged length of the tip portion by controller 30 and timing function (see column 7, lines 1-30); cutting the discharged tip portion of the rolled transfer paper when the length of the discharged tip portion of the rolled paper is more than a predetermined length (see column 7, lines 1-30, wherein the discharged tip portion of the rolled paper is cut based upon a predetermined timing such that the cutting only happens when a predetermined amount of paper has been dispensed).

### ***Conclusion***

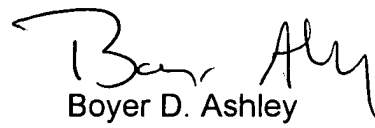
4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Boyer D. Ashley whose telephone number is 703-308-1845. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Allan N. Shoap can be reached on 703-308-1082. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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